

Weekly Volunteer Update

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: ***"If you want to be important — wonderful. If you want to be recognized — wonderful. If you want to be great — wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness."***

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (from his *Drum Major Instinct* speech, delivered at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on February 4, 1968)

Juneteenth Freedom Celebration Festival Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Today it celebrates African American freedom with an emphasis on education and achievement. Bloomington's celebration on Saturday, June 14th in Bryan Park will feature a family-oriented festival. A variety of volunteer positions are available including: volunteer coordination, children's craft table, set-up, clean-up and vendor relations. Two-hour shifts are available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Minimum age is 16. For more information contact: Sachiko Higgins-Kante of the IU Neal Marshall Black Culture Center at 855-9271 or sghiggin@indiana.edu. (www.indiana.edu/~nmbcc).

Summer Kitchen Help Volunteers will keep the Community Kitchen cooking this summer! Your help is needed to prepare, assemble and deliver sack breakfasts that are distributed free to children in low-income neighborhoods now through mid-August. The prep shift is Mon – Fri from 7 to 8:30am. During the delivery shift (8:30am-noon) a volunteer helps the driver load the van and hand out breakfasts at each stop on the route. Volunteers are also needed for two year-round volunteer shifts: Mon – Sat, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ages 10-13 should be accompanied by an adult, those age 14 and older may volunteer without an adult. For more information contact: Annie Brookshire at 332-0999 or volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com (www.monroecommunitykitchen.com).

Farm Gleaners Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB) is beginning a Gleaning Project with area farmers this summer to bridge both the needs of farmers and food insecure households, by collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields. They are working directly with Five Oaks Farms, located just south of Brown County State Park. Committed and excited volunteers who are able to travel are needed for a morning or afternoon on a consistent basis. HHFB will arrange car pooling. No prior knowledge about gardening/farming necessary but expect to work and get dirty! Shifts are based on volunteer availability. Hardworking groups, families and individuals of all ages welcome! For more information contact: Kim Kanney at 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org).

Gardeners & Groundskeepers Sunshine got you thinking about summer? Fill your summer volunteer calendar with fun outdoor activities. Work alongside a master gardener in the beautiful Brown County setting of the T.C. Steele State Historic Site as a volunteer gardener or groundskeeper. Join in the fun of cultivating natural beauty in the gardens and grounds. Weed, mulch, prune and assist with maintaining the trails. All ages are welcome! For more information contact: Andrea deTarnowsky or Christine Atkinson at (812) 988-2785 or tcsteele@bloomington.in.us (www.tcsteele.org).

Radio Broadcast Assistant Get a foot into the radio business! Local public radio station WFIU is looking for five volunteer broadcast assistants to assist with public affairs programming, station and news archives, special events, eBay auction sales, Ether Game research, phone duties, web and new media projects and daily administrative tasks. A six month to 1 year commitment is requested. For more information contact: 855-1357 or wfiu@indiana.edu (www.wfiu.indiana.edu).

Community Wish List – *Grant a wish for this Community Organization!*

Brown County Literacy Coalition Provides free literacy service through adult and inmate tutoring, junior high tutoring and intergenerational reading at Head Start. To grant a wish for this organization contact Erica DeGlandon at 812-988-6960 or literacy_coalition@yahoo.com.

Wishes: office supply store gift cards, postage, snacks for junior high students (pretzels, nuts, crackers)

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